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We went this morning to the funeral of Jacques Dumaine at St. Sulpice. This enormous church was crowded with his friends and acquaintances. It was a very sad occasion and people of all walks of life attended the service. He died early this week of an aggravated liver disorder. I had seen a lot of him when he was Ambassador in Portugal at the time of the Lisbon Conference. He was very happy there. His wife was Brazilian. They occupied in Lisbon one of the most beautiful houses in the world and were very happy together. I had also seen him constantly when he was Chief of Protocol in Paris. He brought to this difficult job a talent for carrying it out in the finest diplomatic tradition. He was the most friendly, courteous, helpful, graceful protocol officer I have ever seen. Cordelia looked stricken and had to go through the ghastly performance of having her hand shaken by everyone in the church.

We had a lunch today for the Parodis. The Fourcades, Cummings, Carmoys, and Robert Gerard were there.

This afternoon I saw Phil Ladd of the Arabian-American Oil Company. He was interested in a Middle East-European gas pipeline.

Then I went to say goodbye to Bill Draper, who is leaving his office as of today. He has displayed a remarkable devotion to carrying out his functions and is going to be greatly missed by his colleagues of all nations.

We dined tonight with Daisy Contades. Large and charming party. I had a long talk afterwards with Paul Reynaud about the French situation - political, military and economic. He thinks the Government likely to fall soon.

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